In the comunal incident at Bidar in September, 1988, six persons died and 62 were injured.

(c) The DG and IGP Karnataka camped in Bidar from 15th to 19th September, 1988 and two senior Cabinet Ministers of the State Government also visited the affected area on 18th September, 1988 in order to strengthen the peace process. The district authorities also directed all Sikh and other outstation Sikh students studying in local institutions to assemble at the local Gurdwara for their own safety and for protection and they were also asked to return to their homes via Hyderabad under police escort.

Immediately upon learning of the communal clash, the Minister of State (Internal Security) discussed the matter with the Governor of Karnataka and the Union Home Secretary discussed the situation with the DG Police, Karnataka regarding the various measures being taken to control and defuse the communal situation and urging the State Government to take all possible measures to restore communal hormony.

Under the directions of the Prime Minister, a high powered team comprising Shri Sontosh Mohan Dev, Minister of State for Home, Shri Janardhana Poojary, Minister of State for Rural Development visited Bidar on 29th September, 1988 and discussed with the Chief Minister at Bangalore on the same day the communaly situation at Bidar. The Home Minister also discussed with the Chief Minister, Karnataka on 26th October, 1988 the question of return of students to Bidar for completing their studies and their examinations.

The Government of Karnataka ordered on 20th September, 1988 a judicial inquiry by a judge of the High Court regarding communal violence which took place at Bidar. The Chief Minister of Karnataka announced on 27th October, 1988 that Shri P. K. Shyamsunder, a sitting judge of the Karnataka High Court has been appointed as a one-man judicial-commission to inquire into the communal violence at Bidar who will submit his report to the Government within three months.

The Government of Karnataka has sanctioned ex-gratia payment of Rs. 20,000 each to the next of the kin of those killed and Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 5,000 each to those injured in the communal violence at Bidar. Further, a sum of Rs. ten lakhs has been sanctioned by the State Government to those persons who have suffered losses of property including books and educational aids lost by the students.

काजीरंगा राष्ट्रीय पार्क, असम में बाढ़ के कारण जानवरों की मृत्यु

*39. **श्री हरि सिंह :** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही की बाढ़ के कारण काजीरंगा राष्ट्रीय पार्क, असम में बहुत से गैंडे, हिरण और दूसरे दुर्लभ जानवर मर गये हैं अथवा बह गये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) ऐसी स्थिति में जानवरों को बचाने के लिये क्या उपाय किये गये है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री (श्री जेड़० आर० अन्सारी) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) काजीरंगा राष्ट्रीय उद्यान में हाल ही में आई बाढ़ के कारण निम्नलिखित पशुओं के मरने की सूचना मिली है:—

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कुल .	1208

(ग) पशुओं को बाढ़ से बचाने के लिए निम्नलिखित उपायों का प्रस्ताव है :

1. कृत्रिम टीले बनाकर भूमि को ऊंचा करना, जहां पशु, विशेषकर छोटे स्तनधारी पशु शरण ले सकें ;

2. बाढ़ में फंसे पशुओं को बचाने और साथ ही चोरी-छिपे शिकार को रोकने के लिए मोटर बोटों सहित अधिक संख्या में कर्मचारियों को लगाना ;

3. राष्ट्रीय उद्यान के वर्तमान 430 वर्ग किलोमीटर क्षेत्र में 450 वर्ग कि० मी० क्षेत्र और जोड़कर उसका विस्तार करने का प्रस्ताव, जिसमें उद्यान के दक्षिणी छोर के कतिपय ऊंची जमीन वाले क्षेत्र भी शामिल हैं ;

4. उद्यान के बीच में भूमि को ऊंचा उठाकर उसमें सड़क के निर्माण का प्रस्ताव, ताकि बाढ़ के दौरान पशु उद्यान के मध्यवर्ती भाग में शरण ले सकें।

Solution of Punjab Problem

*40. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new initiatives have been taken by the Central Government in recent weeks to solve the Punjab problem;

(b) if so, what are the details of the same;

(c) whether any additional steps have been taken in recent weeks to curb terrorism in that State; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister visited Punjab on 21-9-1988 and announced that an all party meeting to discuss the Punjab problem would be held. A Cabinet Sub-Committee has since been constituted to work out details of the agenda for the meeting.

(c) and (d) The steps taken to curb terrorism in Punjab include erection of fence in the most vulnerable stretches of the border, strengthening of police and para-military forces and supply of modern weapons and equipment to them, conducting of raids to flush out illicit arms and ammunition, setting up of village protection force pickets and involvement of the people in the fight against terrorism.

New curbs on import of Textile, Clothes etc. by USA

120. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States proposes to enact legislation to impose new curbs on textiles, clothing and shoe imports;

(b) whether the Government of India have made any aassessment of such a move; and

(c if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.